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For: DIGITAL INFORMATION EMBEDDING DEVICE EMBEDDING DIGITAL WATERMARK
INFORMATION IN EXACT DIGITAL CONTENT, COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING
MEDIUM HAVING DIGITAL INFORMATION EMBEDDING PROGRAM RECORDED
THEREIN, AND METHOD OF EMBEDDING DIGITAL INFORMATION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, a copy of each of which is enclosed. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists, or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

Nikkei Electronics, No. 683, pp. 100-107 describes a digital watermark technique. In a digital content, including audio and video data, there exists a portion which is not important to human senses, i.e., a redundant portion. In the technique such a redundant portion is noted and information such as copyright is embedded on a content in the form of noise.

Japanese Patent Laying-Open No. 11-284836 discloses a method using a medical filter to determine a degree of information to be embedded. This method provides noise removal and in addition thereto high-precision edge enhancement to determine a feature value variation range perceptible through human senses. In this method, however, a content is subjected to noise removal and edge enhancement successively and thereafter has digital watermark information embedded therein, which involves a complicated process, requiring a relatively long period of time to embed digital watermark information.

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